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FOR AF SCHAUFEL; INFO SCA WATSON, EUR CLARK

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN, PDIP, CV
SUBJ: US REPRESENTATION IN CAPE VERDE

1. I HAVE JUST SEEN AMBASSADOR WELLS' MARCH 15
MEMORANDUM TO YOU CONCERNING US REPRESENTATION IN CAPE
VERDE. IN ADDITION, I HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT
PERSONALLY WITH HER. WHILE OUR PERSPECTIVE IS OBVIOUSLY
LIMITED, I THINK SHE MAKES A VERY PERSUASIVE CASE FOR
OPENING A POST IN PRAIA.

2. WE HERE FIND IT INCONGRUENT THAT THE SINGLE LARGEST
CONSULAR WORKLOAD PERFORMED FOR AFRICA IS BEING DONE IN
LISBON. ABOUT ONE THIRD OF AFRICAN IMMIGRATION IS
ACCOUNTED FOR BY CAPE VERDE; OVER HALF THE FEDERAL
BENEFITS AND PROBABLY THE LARGEST GROUP OF AMERICAN
CITIZENS OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA ARE IN CAPE VERDE.

3. ASSUMING WE GET THE RESOURCES WE ARE PERFECTLY
HAPPY TO DO THIS WORK. BUT IT IS A HIGHLY INEFFICIENT
WAY TO CONDUCT CONSULAR AFFAIRS. CAPE VERDE IS 1800
MILES FROM LISBON. IT IS A LONG AND EXPENSIVE JOURNEY
FOR AFRICANS. MANY CAPE VERDIANS WITH LEGITIMATE
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CLAIMS FOR SERVICES ARE SIMPLY NOT ABLE TO GET TO A
CONSULAR OFFICE. OTHERS MUST SUFFER UNCONSCIONABLE
DELAYS.

4. AT THE MOMENT WE DO NOT EVEN HAVE THE RESOURCES
TO DO THE JOB. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE REPROGRAMMED A POSITION
TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASE IN CAPE VERDE IMMIGRATION,

WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED IN STATE 66642 THAT WE CANNOT
FILL IT. UNLESS THIS SITUATION IS CORRECTED WE WILL
HAVE TO APPEAL THE ENTIRE ISSUE OF THE CAPE VERDIAN
WORKLOAD TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. GOOD MANAGEMENT, POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AND OUR
OVERALL INTERESTS IN ESTABLISHING STRONGER TIES IN CAPE
VERDE ALL POINT IN THE DIRECTION OF OPENING A POST IN
PRAIA. RECOGNIZING THAT YOU HAVE MANY CRISES TO DEAL
WITH AT THE MOMENT, I HOPE NONETHELESS THAT THIS MATTER
WILL RECEIVE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION.

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